BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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SPECIAL SERVICES REFORM, 1996

Docket No. MC96-3

WRITTEN RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS LYONS TO QUESTIONS POSED DURING HEARINGS

The United States Postal Service hereby provides responses of witness Lyons to questions posed during hearings on Monday, September 9, 1996. Each question is stated and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS LYONS TO QUESTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE FROM THE HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1996

Question (Tr. 2/209): If you have such a list at this time of issues that have to be resolved . . . with regard [to] implementing the non-resident surcharge, could you please furnish it at a later date?

RESPONSE:

A list of issues that have to be resolved with regard to implementing the nonresident fee has not been compiled at this time.

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Tr. 2/192-193. At this point in the transcript, the Chairman asked the witness for more information on any changes in the regression analyses for Registered Mail and Certified Mail that might have been introduced between Docket No. R94-1 and the development of the regressions presented in USPS-LR-SSR-135.

RESPONSE:

As I stated at the hearings, it is my understanding that the same basic approach was employed in both instances. I have since verified that my understanding in this regard is correct. I have been further informed, however, that there have been some refinements in the model specifications. The details of those refinements are discussed in USPS-LR-SSR-147.

DECLARATION

I, W. Ashley Lyons, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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Dated: 9-13-96

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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